

# Presbytery of Grand Canyon

## Commission Reports

### March 9, 2019 Stated Meeting

Items approved by a commission, which includes our Leadership Team, Commission on Ministry (COM) and Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), were approved in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by our Bylaws and Manual of Operations as well as the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109 and G-3.0307) and are reported here for the information of the Presbytery. Our commissions have been given the authority to consider and conclude matters referred to them by the Presbytery.

Any presbyter may request that an item within the Commission Reports be clarified. Any questions or comments on these actions will be reported back to the respective commission.

Items in the Stated Clerk Report are included here for the information of the Presbytery.

The following reports are included:

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## 1. Leadership Team Report

*The following is a summary of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Leadership Team under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

### **Actions taken at the January 9, 2019 meeting**

Affirmed TE Mike Nieto as 2019 Leadership Moderator, after having served as Moderator-Elect in 2018.

Approved inviting PC(USA) Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson to attend an upcoming Presbytery meeting other than the January 2020 meeting, preferably November 2019 or March 2020.

Approved authorizing the following persons to sign checks on behalf of the Presbytery, to apply to the Bank of America and Merrill Lynch accounts, effective January 9, 2019: Scott Fischer, Robert Schulz and Beth Kath.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, Scott Fischer as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective January 9 through January 25, 2019, at which time the Presbytery will vote on electing Scott to a three-year term as Treasurer effective January 25, 2019.

Approved a Memo of Understanding between Southminster Presbyterian Church and the Southminster Social Service Agency, including action steps agreed to by both parties and the Presbytery.

### **Actions taken at the February 6, 2019 meeting**

Approved formally resigning from the PC(USA) Congregational Revitalization Initiative (CRI) pilot project; to authorize staff to return \$1,500 received from CRI to cover expenses; and to adopt revised Thrive Project materials as prepared by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

Elected TE John Poling as Moderator-Elect of the Leadership Team for 2019.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, the following persons as presented by the Nominations sub-committee of Operations:

Resources  
2020 Clyde Parks  
2021 Jim Crelin

Approved designating the offering at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting for Triennial.

Approved a recommendation to Presbytery that Part 13. Sabbatical Leave Policy for Parish Ministers and Educators and Part 15. Minimum Salary for Teaching Elders be moved from the Presbytery's Manual of Administrative Operations to be incorporated as policies within the Commission on Ministry Handbook since it is COM, as a commission of the Presbytery, which has the authority to take action to execute the requirements of these policies.

Approved the payment of \$181,434.19, representing shared roadway access and utility and water line improvements, for the Presbytery property in Surprise in order to facilitate the sale of the undeveloped parcel.

## 2. Commission on Ministry Report

*Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Ministry (COM) under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

### **Actions taken at the January 22, 2019 meeting**

#### **Baskette, Sue Marie**

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Sue Marie Baskette to be Pastor to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of Lehigh to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective April 1, 2019, on the following terms:

Salary	\$53,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	30,000	SECA	\$6,395
Phone Allowance	600	Vacation	Six weeks
Expense Allowance	4,500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Leave Allowance	1,000	Moving Expense	TBA

#### **Palmer, Theron**

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Terry Palmer and Gilbert Presbyterian Church, at his request, and granted Rev. Palmer the status of Honorably Retired, effective January 31, 2019.

#### **Schouten, Myra**

Approved Myra Schouten as a Commissioned Ruling Elder serving all Native American churches within the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

#### **Williams, Carla**

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Carla Williams from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Presbytery de Cristo, effective January 1, 2019.

#### **Pinnacle Presbyterian Church**

Approved the request of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church to convert its existing Director of Christian Formation position to an ordainable position of Minister in Christian Formation (not to be an Associate Pastor position) should the way be clear for them to hire an ordained person.

#### **Gilbert Presbyterian Church**

Approved the document submitted by Gilbert Presbyterian Church with the outline of a proposed Interim Pastor contract, to be amended to include: 1) four weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays) and two weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays); and 2) funding for BOP medical/pension cost.

#### **Minimum Salary for Teaching Elders**

Approved setting the minimum effective salary (salary plus housing) for Teaching Elders in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon at \$52,000, applicable to new calls and agreements only.

### **3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report**

*Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

#### **Actions taken at the January 15, 2019 meeting**

Approved recommending Myra Schouten to COM as ready for commissioning as a CRE.

Approved, after an annual consultation, continuing our covenant relationship with Ben Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

#### **Actions taken at the February 19, 2019 meeting**

Approved, after an annual consultation, continuing our covenant relationship with Chris Woodard of Valley Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

Approved the Statement of Faith, sermon and exegesis, and PIF of Candidate Mike Hegeman of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church and certified him as ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call.

### **4. Stated Clerk Report**

#### **REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS**

The following Session records for 2018 were reviewed and approved:

January 25, 2019

Community Payson  
Mingus View

Sierra Vista  
Southminster